

NOTICE OF MOTION

March 26, 2018

City Clerk
City Hall
Regina, Saskatchewan

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that I will submit the following NOTICE of MOTION at the meeting of City Council on Monday, March 26, 2018:

Re: Snow Angel Program

WHEREAS the Transportation Master Plan aims to “Promote active transportation for healthier communities” as well as “Safe and Efficient Infrastructure”;

WHEREAS “Greater enforcement of snow removal on sidewalks, especially in core areas of the city and near bus stops, was seen as a priority” by residents who participated in the TMP consultation process;

WHEREAS according to statistics compiled by the Canadian Institute for Health Information, the province has seen an average of 43.4 hospitalizations per 100,000 people between 2011 and 2016 related to slips and falls, the highest rate in Canada;

WHEREAS a City survey conducted in 2012/2013 found that approximately 257 km of sidewalk are not being cleared;

WHEREAS the City receives service requests due to snow and icy sidewalks;

WHEREAS “encouragement” programs have been recognized as part of successful sidewalk clearing strategies in Canadian municipalities;

WHEREAS sidewalks that are not cleared create undue hardship for residents, particularly related to accessibility;

WHEREAS the process of sidewalk snow clearing might also create hardship for residents due to age and ability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Administration:

- 1) Research “Snow Angel” or similar programs in other municipalities, and propose a program in consultation with community serving organizations, in which organizations own and drive the delivery of a program in the community to support Regina becoming a more accessible winter city;
- 2) Research and consider options to incent community organizations to participate;
- 3) Develop options to support community organizations to educate and promote any such program;
- 4) Prepare a report for consideration by City Council as part of the 2019 Budget development process.

Respectfully submitted,



Councillor Andrew Stevens



Councillor Lori Bresciani